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Economic Crisis To Be Seminar Topic

NASHVILLE — "Christians Confronting the Economic Crisis" is the topic of the 1974 national seminar sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The seminar will be held in Houston, Texas, at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel, March 25-27.

Ralph Nader, consumer advocate, Washington, D. C.; Bill Moyers, host and director of the nationally acclaimed weekly television program, "Bill Moyers' Journal," Educational Broadcasting Corp., N. Y.; Carl H. Madden, chief economist, Chamber of Commerce of the United States; Fred Harris, chairman, New Populist Action, Washington, D. C.; and Ernest T. Campbell, pastor of the Riverside Church, New York City, are among the featured speakers for the conference. According to the commission, several other outstanding personalities will participate.

"Christians are deeply troubled about the economic crisis facing the nation today," Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the commission, said. "The conference is designed to help Southern Baptists respond to the economic crisis with the guidance of biblical insights and the resources of the Christian community. While facing the economic crunch, this conference will explore ways for Christians to act as God's reconciling agents in correcting economic abuses," Valentine said.

Other conference leaders include William M. Pinson, Jr., professor of

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Gulfport Attorney Is Answer To Prayer

When is an attorney not an attorney? When he's a bona fide answer to prayer.

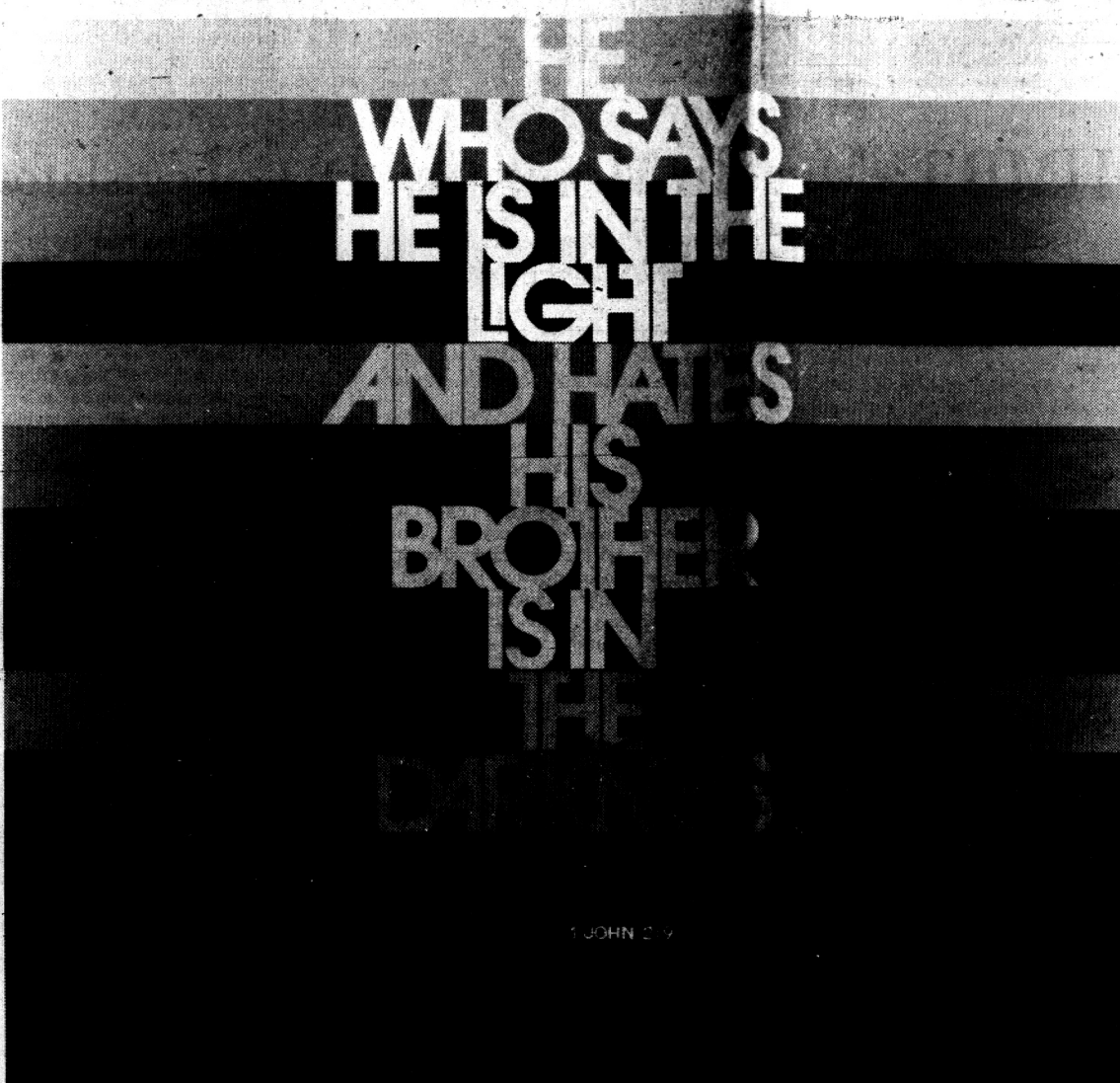
Dr. John Traylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gulfport, had been praying for a wider way to reach people for God.

"Television is obviously the number one way to reach the greatest number of people who aren't ordinarily coming to church," Traylor said. The attorney walked into Traylor's office with \$500 to produce three 30-second spot announcements and to buy time for them to be aired on local television.

You can say a lot about God in 30 seconds, but Traylor knew it takes professional know-how to say it so well that not only will the television stations show it but the viewer will watch it — and give some thought to the message.

Traylor contacted TimeRite, an agency of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. TimeRite dispatched Rosser McDonald to Gulfport to produce the spots. McDonald, a former TV newsman and documentary film maker, knew what sort of

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OBSERVE RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 10, 1974

Sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

Ewing Named President Of Village Trustees

In its recent annual meeting of reorganization, the Board of Trustees of The Baptist Children's Village has elected Jack H. Ewing, a prominent Jackson attorney as president of the governing Board of Mississippi Baptist's child care agency for 1974.

Mr. Ewing, a deacon in First Baptist Church of Jackson, has been a member of the Village's Board of Trustees for 10 years, serving as secretary and attorney for the agency's Board for 6 consecutive years throughout the busy and difficult years of relocation of the Village campus and reconstruction of Village facilities on

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In Light Or In Darkness?

By Elmer S. West

There are some revealing words in the second chapter of John's first letter. Sharply etched on the window of every person's life, they clearly indicate where each of us is on the basis of our attitude toward our brother. John writes, "He who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness still" (v. 9 RSV).

This verse of scripture is the theme of Race Relations Sunday which is to be observed February 10, 1974.

Race Relations Sunday, or a similar emphasis on any Sunday or over a period of several weeks, will provide an opportunity to ask probing questions and seek answers which will lead us toward the light.

Being still in darkness means loneliness, ignorance, inactivity, and fear with reference to our brother, whatever his race or color. Being in the light means fellowship, understanding, involvement and love toward our brethren.

Race relations emphasis offers Southern Baptists an opportunity to study God's Word, seek his guidance, and discover practical ways to perform those deeds which by God's spirit cause light to shine in darkness.

More and more Southern Baptist churches are involved constructively in race relations. In hundreds of the churches this becomes a week-by-week experience because in their membership there are two or more races represented. A recent Home Mission Board report indicates that 731 predominantly white Southern Baptist churches have black mem-

bers. No accurate count is available of those churches which, being mostly white, have members of other racial backgrounds.

In other churches, "race relations" is something which is planned for and observed on a particular Sunday or at various times and through varied programs throughout the year. Even so thousands of churches still have no plan or program whereby a race relations emphasis is made.

Southern Baptists were convinced of the need for such an emphasis back in 1965 when it was decided by the convention to place Race Relations Sunday on the denominational calendar. Since that time an increasing number of churches have observed the day, planned a broader emphasis, or moved into a perennial program of developing stronger Christian ties with those who differ from each other in race.

As is true in other such vital areas of our pluralistic Baptist life as evangelism, church music, and Christian education, race relations means different things to different people. Because of our wide variation of attitudes concerning race, it is appropriate that at least one time in the year all Southern Baptists be reminded of our need and privilege as Christians to be rightly related to our fellowmen, regardless of racial or ethnic differences.

When one looks closely at what has happened in our churches during the past nine years, there can be little doubt that God is using this race rela-

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HMB To Meet In Memphis Mar. 12-13

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board (HMB) will send nine new missionaries onto the field and honor seven retirees at a special rally here March 12.

The commissioning service for the new missionaries and retirement tribute will be inspirational highlights of the spring meeting of the HMB at Highland Heights Baptist Church, March 12-13.

Both the commissioning - retirement service at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and the board meeting which begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 13, are open to the public. Principal business at the board meeting is expected to be election of new officers and appointment of missionaries.

Home Mission Board Executive-Director Arthur B. Rutledge and President Jack Lowndes have invited any interested Southern Baptists, especially those in the Memphis area, to attend the meetings.

The HMB — 49 representatives from the 30 state conventions affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention — meets three times each year in the spring, summer and fall. An 18-member local board from the Atlanta

area carries on business between those meetings. They direct operations of the agency which has some 2,200 missionaries under appointment and oversees a budget of \$18 million.

The session at Highland Heights Church is part of a new arrangement designed to let Baptists across the nation get a closer look at the workings of the board. Heretofore, except for summer sessions at Glorieta and Ridgecrest, meetings of the board have been held at the HMB offices in Atlanta. In the future, spring meetings will be at other cities.

Alfred Bruce Coyle, pastor of Highland Heights Church here, and a member of the HMB, invited the board for the initial meeting outside Atlanta. Invitations already have been accepted from Tulsa, Okla., Baptist Association to meet there in 1975 and from the District of Columbia Baptist Association to meet in Washington, D. C., in 1976.

The commissioning service will be a first for Tennessee and will feature missionary testimonies and a challenge to them. Similar services have been held in recent months in Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina. (Continued on page 2)

Information Retrieval System Is Launched

By James Lee Young

NASHVILLE (BP) — The day is coming when individuals or groups looking for contemporary or background information on Southern Baptists will be able to plug into a centralized computer system for reference information on a myriad of subject areas.

Thanks to a newly-launched Baptist Information Retrieval System (BIRS) pilot project, the time is also coming when most, if not all, Southern Baptist periodicals and other pertinent documents will be uniformly indexed and computerized for relatively quick reference.

"In our investigations we have not found a system of this nature that has been developed by other religious or denominational organizations in the country," said Lynn E. May Jr., executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, the agency coordinating the project. Representatives from several Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and other Baptist organizations participating in the pilot venture for 1974-75, were briefed on the project at a meeting here.

May called the BIRS system a "pioneer project that is revolutionary among Christian groups in terms of its comprehensiveness and its eventual wide availability to persons desiring information on Baptists."

BIRS requires use of a uniform thesaurus of subject headings for index-

ing current Baptist publications and documents. It provides for a widely expanded information storage and retrieval operation subsequent to the pilot system, according to May.

He said the system, which may be used for both input and retrieval purposes, relies heavily on lay (non-computer trained persons) for coding articles and documents to feed into the system. The information will be stored in the commission's data bank.

The project, for which \$38,500 has been appropriated by at least eight participating Baptist institutions and agencies, will provide printouts of reference data on request only to organizations already involved in the pilot system, until further notice, May said.

Information may be retrieved by these agencies beginning in July, 1974, pending initial input into the system, he added.

The \$38,500 will be for initial development of the program and costs will subsequently decrease, May continued.

The system works like this. A person designated in an agency indexes and codes a periodical or document per thesaurus standards. After the material has been prepared in machine-readable form, it is channeled through the Historical Commission for checking and entry into the data bank.

When the information is properly stored in the data bank, students, edu-

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Pastoral Care Seminar Set For Baptist Hospital Feb. 12

Ministering to the ill will be the focus of the 14th annual Pastoral Care Seminar at Mississippi Baptist Hospital February 12, according to the Rev. Gordon Shamburger, hospital chaplain and coordinator of the event, co-sponsored by the hospital and by the Christian Action Commission.

Chief resource speakers will be Dr. Macklyn W. Hubbell, pastor of First Baptist Church in Cleveland, Miss., and Dr. Tom Elkin, Jackson, clinical psychologist, whose topic will be "The Clinical Psychologist Looks at the Ministry."

Dr. Hubbell will speak three times during the day — on "A Pastor Looks At His Relationship to the Healing Team," on "Physician, Heal Thyself," and on "The Pastor Ministering to The Patient's Family."

Other participants will be Rev. Al Finch, pastor of Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson; Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Jackson; Rev. Mark Moffett, assistant to Mr. Shamburger; and hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor.

Dr. Hubbell has served previous pastorates at Wallace, Texas; Belmont, Ky.; and Anderson, S. C. He holds degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi (Ph.D.), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. (Th.M.), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Zurich, Switzerland (B.D.), University of Houston (M.A.) and Baylor University (B.A.).

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President Nixon Asks The Nation To Honor Clergy

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Richard Nixon proclaimed the week beginning February 3 as International Clergy Week in the United States.

For nearly a dozen years, Civitan International has sponsored programs in communities across the nation in recognition of the dedication of members of the clergy through this special observance. The idea was inspired by the sacrificial act of four chaplains in World War II.

Thirty-one years ago on February 3, the troop ship Dorchester was torpedoed and sunk in the icy waters of the North Atlantic off the coast of Greenland. Aboard the ship were more than 600 servicemen and four chaplains — a rabbi, a priest and two Protestant ministers.

Disregarding their own safety, the chaplains gave up their life-jackets to soldiers who had lost theirs. In so doing the chaplains gave up their lives that the soldiers might live. As they died, they stood hand in hand praying to God for the safety of those who were fleeing the sinking ship.

In his proclamation, President Nixon paid tribute to the clergy of the nation. He said:

"From the ancient days of the prophets, God has worked through men and woman of faith to extend His truth, His love and His peace to other people. Today, as in the time of Abraham, the clergy of the world minister to a world torn between the temporal and the spiritual."

"Wherever they can, those who are members of the clergy try to stand fast on the borders between right and wrong, reminding us of both God's judgement and His mercy. They call upon us to choose what we will be, and they challenge us to be more than we have been."

The president called on "all our people to honor these servants of God and man through appropriate activities and ceremonies."

D. C. Legislators Brief Religious Leaders

WASHINGTON (BP) — U. S. senators and representatives briefed participants in a nationwide interfaith gathering here on a wide range of issues confronting the second session of the 93rd Congress — including tax reform, the constitutional crisis, national health insurance, the consumer, and the energy crisis, military spending and campaign reform.

Two Washington-based interfaith organizations, IMPACT and the Washington Interreligious Staff Council (WISC), sponsored the two-day, second annual gathering attended by representatives of many religious groups, including several Baptist denomina-

tions. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs participates actively in WISC.

Addressing himself to the constitutional crisis confronting the nation, Senator Lowell Weicker Jr. (R-Conn.) said an outgrowth of the Watergate scandals will be stringent reforms in campaign financing.

But Weicker, a member of the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities, said he opposes public financing of political campaigns and would rather cut down on the time of campaigns to save cost — not dump the problem in the lap of the federal government through gov-

ernment financed campaigns.

Two other legislators, however, in separate sessions at the briefing, called for public financing.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) said Watergate revealed corruptive influence of large corporations on campaigns. He said major oil companies, through multi-million dollar contributions, shaped administration policy. He urged that legislators must be placed in a position to vote for his constituency rather than for the pocketbooks of campaign contributors.

Young declared that Congress has got to do something with a public

campaign funding process before the influence of such interests as Boeing, Lockheed and the highway lobby can be blunted.

Weicker asserted that present administration has slowed down the process of resolving the Watergate issue by preventing the flow of information needed to clear up the matter and not dealing openly with the public.

Rep. James D. Corman (D-Cal.) and Rep. Young called for meaningful tax reform. But Corman, addressing himself to his tax reform proposal, H. R. 1040, now in committee,

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Some of the speakers to speak at the National conference, top row (L to R): Ralph Nader, consumer advocate; Bill Moyers, host and director of "Bill Moyers' Journal," Educational Broadcasting Corp.; and Carl H. Madden, chief economist, Chamber of Commerce of the United States. Second row (L to R): Harvey Seifert, professor of Christian ethics, School of Theology at Claremont, Calif.; William M. Pinson, professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas; and Ernest T. Campbell, pastor of Riverside Church in New York City.

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Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; George L. Schweitzer, alumni distinguished professor of chemistry, University of Tennessee, Knoxville;

The Convention President Speaks

Several years ago, a young man here at Broadmoor Baptist Church walked down the aisle of this church and said God had called him to preach. Sometime after that, it was my privilege to be the pastor when he was ordained to the gospel ministry. He was graduated from Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. It was also my distinct honor to perform his wedding ceremony when he married one of Broadmoor's girls. Just in passing, they married on my own wedding anniversary.

After completing his work at the seminary, he was called to one of our fine churches here in the state. From that church we called him back to Broadmoor as youth education director. While he was serving in this capacity, I asked him to become my assistant pastor which he did and served very ably and admirably for several months.

When the First Baptist Church of Brandon became pastorless a little over a year ago, they turned to my assistant pastor to fill that vacancy.

He is now serving His Lord as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brandon, and is doing a marvelous work. I have just finished teaching the book of Colossians in his church. I found my son in the ministry, my co-laborer in Christ, my wonderful friend, and God's servant — Rev. Tommy Badley — to be well-loved and respected and doing great things for God. I feel that maybe I have had a small part in this GREAT man of God. — David Grant.

Elmer S. West, Jr., director of program development for the Christian Life Commission; and Harvey Seifert, professor of Christian ethics, School of Theology at Claremont, California.

Persons interested in attending the seminar should write immediately to the Christian Life Commission, 400 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219. The registration fee is \$25. Special registration fees are \$12.50 for spouses of registered participants and \$12.50 for students.

The conference is open to all Southern Baptists on a first-come first-served basis with a limit of 500 participants, Valentine said. "We anticipate a broad cross section of participants, including pastors, lay persons, students, and denominational leaders to be involved in this particular timely conference," Valentine concluded.

Hickory Ridge To Celebrate 75th Anniversary

Hickory Ridge Church in Rankin County, near Florence, will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on Sunday, February 10. The church was constituted on February 11, 1899. It was a mission or outgrowth of the Steens Creek Church which later became First, Florence.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will speak at the 11 a.m. service. Wrex Hauth, former pastor of the church and now a Navy chaplain stationed in Memphis, will be featured speaker for the afternoon service that will begin at 1:30. Dinner will be served at the church. There will be no evening service.

Recognition will be given to char-

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cators, writers, pastors, denominational workers and others desiring background and contemporary information on Baptists may secure reference information within a relatively short time after a request is received by the commission, May said.

BIRS will save individuals travel and time they would otherwise spend in researching myriads of reference materials to dig out information going back months or years on specific subjects, May said.

For example, a person might want

information on Baptists and stances on prayer in schools in the last few years. The computer would provide a printout detailing references the individual could check, without having to search through other less specific references or doing the work piece-meal.

The pilot project isn't Southern Baptists' first system of indexing. The Historical Commission, at the request of the SBC's Inter-Agency Council, has helped to coordinate indexing efforts of SBC agencies and has cooperated in compiling and publishing the annual Southern Baptist Periodi-

cal Index since 1965, May said.

The periodical index will continue to be published but will be more uniform, produced more quickly and will be more accurate, because of BIRS, according to A. Ronald Tonks, assistant executive secretary of the Historical Commission.

The commission has also produced indexes to SBC annuals, graduate theses and other materials. Several other Baptist organizations index publications and other documents, but this will be the first attempt to coordinate a computerized indexing and information retrieval system among all

the agencies of and cooperating with the SBC, May said.

F. Wilbur Helms, librarian at Samford University in Birmingham and chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on BIRS, the Historical Commission's indexing study group of advisors, said he believes that BIRS is of "far-reaching importance to researchers, biographers and an even broader range of the Baptist constituency."

He continued, "I see the (BIRS) project as currently the most far-reaching expansive project of its kind by any religious organization I know."

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olind. Missionaries to be commissioned here will serve in Wisconsin, California, Kentucky, Mississippi and West Virginia.

The nine and their areas of service include Herbert and Peggy Slaughter, superintendent of missions for central West Virginia; James C. Matthews, Teacher - missionary at Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Jackson, Miss.; Larry and Martha Sue Baldrige, pastor - director of weekday ministries at Caney Creek Baptist Church, Pippa Passes, Ky.; Kenneth and Shirley Brooks, missionary to El Portal Baptist Mission, El Portal and Yosemite, Calif.; and Carlos and Nilda Cobos, Jr., regional missionaries in Wisconsin.

The seven retirees will be honored for almost 200 years of combined missionary service. They include Mrs. C. E. LaPrairie, director of Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center in New Orleans; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gunn, missionaries to the deaf in Oklahoma; David Espurvoa, mission pastor in Taft, Tex.; Garland K. Offutt, teacher - missionary at Simmons University, Louisville, Ky.; W. R. Buchanan, superintendent of missions for Central Baptist Association, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; and Evelyn Stanford, former director of Watauga Baptist Center in Elizabethtown, Tenn.

Each has served in a mission po-

sition for at least 24 years. Espurvoa has been a mission pastor for the last 35 years.

In business sessions beginning at 9 a.m. March 13 the HMB will appoint new missionaries and elect new officers.

Current officers are Jack P. Lowndes, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Arlington, Va., president; Mrs. Wright Gillerstedt, Atlanta, first vice-president; Andrew W. Tamplin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, second vice-president; Mrs. Seay Smith, Douglas, Ga., recording secretary; and Mrs. Sidney K. Kingry, Atlanta, assistant recording secretary.

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said his bill will likely be rejected by the current Congress.

He said the tax system is a good tax system based on ability to pay but that it's too harsh at the bottom of the scale and allows those who make more than they need to avoid payment.

Rep. Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D-N.Y.) charged that consumers have been outnumbered and outfinanced by national major corporations which sustain huge lobbies in the nation's capital.

Referring to the current energy crisis as "a presumed crisis," Rosenthal condemned the nation's major oil companies for reaping wind fall pro-

fits at the expense of people less able to pay.

Congressman Les Aspin (D-Wis.), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said military spending should be reduced but that it was nearly impossible to do so because the influential Armed Services Committee is stacked in favor of huge military expenditures.

Young, in one of the briefing highlights, called not only for tax and campaign financing reforms, but laid a biblical base for relationship of Christians with legislators.

Professional lobbyists, he said, cater to what Christians are called to cater to — the loneliness, loss, meaninglessness in the lives of every human.

He said the lobbyists sustain a friendly relationship with a congressman, even when they don't need something.

Rep. John E. Moss (D-Cal.), called the system of classifying documents by government agencies over long periods of time an "abuse." "I have a firm conviction," he stated, "that a free people needs to know as far as their curiosity leads them" to seek knowledge.

Elmer Gray Named To Edit California Southern Baptist

FRESNO, Calif. (BP) — Elmer L. Gray, academic dean at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., has been elected editor of the California Southern Baptist.

Gray, 56, succeeds Donald T. McGregor as editor of the journal of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. McGregor returned to Texas last September, after two years in California, to serve as editor and publisher of the Kemp (Tex.) News.

A native of Oklahoma, Gray served as professor of religious education at Golden Gate Seminary, 1959-67. He spent three years after that as manager of the Sunday School department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and then returned to Golden Gate Seminary.

Gray, who has also held pastorates in California, Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas, has served on a number of state-level and Southern Baptist Convention-level boards and committees and has written extensively for denominational publications.

He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and earned master of theology and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Georgia Baptist Gifts Reach Record High

ATLANTA (BP) — Gifts from Georgia Baptist churches through the Cooperative Program (unified budget) and designated funds from churches reached an all-time high during the past year, according to Searcy S. Garrison, Georgia Baptist Convention executive secretary.

For the first time in Georgia, total designated gifts for "denominational causes exceeded \$15 million while Cooperative Program receipts were over \$7 million, also for the first time, Garrison said. An increase of 11.8 per cent in 1973 was the state's largest percentage increase in Cooperative Program giving since 1956, he added.

ter members and other older members of the church.

Joe G. Canzoneri has been pastor of Hickory Grove for almost five years. He states that the public is invited, and that a special invitation is extended to former pastors and former members of the church.

Many of the members are planning to wear old-fashioned costumes in keeping with the fashion of 75 years ago, and visitors who wish to do the same are urged to do so.

Calvary Trio Sings At Evangelism Conference

The Calvary Trio of Calvary, Newton, sang on Feb. 4 for the state evangelistic conference at First Church, Vicksburg. This group is "unique" in that in addition to being key members of the adult choir, they also comprise a portion of the church staff. Mrs. Clifford Estes, left, wife of the pastor, Rev. Clifford Estes, is assistant organist. Mrs. Joe Boyd, center, standing, serves as church organist. Mrs. Johnie Hudson, right, is church secretary. Mrs. Alice Davies, seated, is pianist and director of the Adult Choir and serves as director-accompanist for the Trio. On February 3, the Trio brought special music at First Church, Forest. Dr. Edwin McNeely is the congregational choir leader at Calvary.

U.S. SUPREME COURT HEARS FEDERAL PAROCHIAL CASE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Federal aid to private sectarian schools was aired before the U. S. Supreme Court on January 16 in the Wheeler v. Barrera case. The Barrera case was initiated in 1970 when parents of parochial school students in Missouri filed suit to compel public education authorities administering federal aid programs to provide special educational services on the premises of parochial schools. The local public education authorities have contended that their provision of educational programs after school, on weekends, and at summer classes, all on public school premises, satisfies

federal law, and that provision of such services in parochial schools would violate the Missouri Constitution and state laws.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the National Education Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, and several religious and civic organizations filed an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief in this case. The brief maintains that requiring public school teachers to work in sectarian schools violates the U. S. Supreme Court's 1971 and 1973 rulings against public aid to sectarian schools.

Spotlighting Young Pastors' Wives



Tasty meals are served in the dining hall at Garaywa — and these young women enjoy them even more because they don't have to prepare them!



Pictured above are Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of Mississippi WMU, and Mrs. John Merritt, missionary to Europe.



These of the ladies who led sessions during the retreat are: left to right, Mrs. J. Clark Hensley of Jackson, Mrs. J. H. Street of Newton, and Mrs. W. L. Comper of Newton.



The panel of pastors' wives who shared experiences with the group are, from left to right: Mrs. Bill Causey of Jackson, Mrs. Charles Gentry of Clinton, Mrs. Bob Simmons of Meridian, and Mrs. J. H. Street of Newton.

By Barbara Taylor

One very special event sponsored by Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union each year is a retreat for young pastors' wives in our state. This year 106 of these young women came together to share a weekend of relaxation, inspiration, and they also came to share ideas and information.

Each year, new friendships are formed and old friendships are renewed. Many look forward to "catching up" on the news of former church fields and friends from past years. Spirits are high and Christian fellowship is at its best during this retreat.

ladies and pastors' wives inn Mississippi. Leading the periods of Bible study was Mrs. J. H. Street of Newton. Her positive, optimistic outlook was refreshing as she led in a study of scriptures and shared personal experiences of God's leadership in her own life through prayer and Bible study.

Another of the ladies on the program was Mrs. W. L. Comper also of Newton, who led a session on "putting on the pretties." This was a time of discussion about the best ways to entertain in the pastor's home; or various ways to carry out fellowships for specific age groups in a church;

there were also helpful hints given about creating "beauty spots" in the home.

Mrs. J. Clark Hensley, co-author with her husband of the book, BEHAVING AT HOME, was present to talk with the group about the minister's wife as she relates to the home and to her children. Because these three ladies are all wives of pastors or former pastors, they were able to give invaluable advice to these young women.

One of the highlights of the weekend was a panel of pastors' wives who related experiences of early pas-

torates and gave advice to these young wives based on these experiences and decisions they had made.

Members of the panel were Mrs. Bob Simmons of Meridian, Mrs. Bill Causey of Jackson, Mrs. J. H. Street of Newton, and serving as moderator for the panel was Mrs. Charles Gentry of Clinton. In addition to answering questions from the group, these ladies have been wives of pastors and of the rewards they have received in this special place of service.

The final session of the weekend was led by Mrs. John Merritt, missionary to Europe, as she told of her more dedicated way.

role as a minister's wife in a foreign country. She and her husband and three sons live in Germany where they work primarily with English language churches. Mrs. Merritt challenged each person to consider foreign mission service as a possible part of God's will for her life.

Sharing the weekend of inspiration and fun, making new friends, renewing friendships from years past, meeting missionaries and other outstanding Mississippians — all these things helped the young pastor's wife return to her home and to her church field with a deeper determination and conviction to serve God in a stronger, more dedicated way.

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Churches Alive And Well

Exciting things are happening in many Baptist churches today!

Recent contacts with pastors and churches, have revealed just how much many of the congregations, right here in Mississippi, are doing in outreach and ministry. A thrilling, revival spirit apparently exists in many churches.

The idea which has been broadly proclaimed in recent years that the institutional church is dead or dying, must have been conceived by individuals who had not talked to Southern Baptist pastors, or had not taken a serious look at what is going on in Southern Baptist churches.

So many things are happening, that it is impossible to enumerate all of them. Consider a few:

Bible Centered Programs. All Baptist churches are supposed to be Bible centered in their ministry, but some churches are giving a special emphasis to it. How would you like to be part of a congregation, where almost all of those present have an open Bible before them as the pastor preaches, and where as many as 300 young people fill the front of the sanctuary, each with an open Bible and a notebook and pencil in hand? This is happening in Mississippi every Sunday, and the Bible is at the center of numerous other programs of the church too.

Bus Ministries. This ministry has been in use in some churches for several years, but now is catching on in many more. Not every church needs such a ministry, but many do, and the outreach of a properly planned and wisely used bus ministry, is amazing to behold. Right now, thousands of children, and older people, too, are in Sunday School and worship services every

Sunday, because the churches are providing transportation for them. Pastors tell of the excitement of the bus workers, who go out to visit the homes to enlist people to ride the buses. Recently we heard a man tell of how he was won to Christ because his little three year old daughter began to ride a bus to church, and then began to plead with him to ride with her.

Youth Programs. Many churches are providing programs for their youth, so that they do not have to turn to the world for fellowship, recreation, or other activities. They receive all of these, plus worship, music, Bible study, witnessing and other Christian activity. These programs are found in churches all across the convention, and through them tens of thousands of young people are being led into spiritual growth and dedication which will bless the churches and the world for long years to come.

Senior Citizens. A number of churches have begun to recognize the needs of their elderly members, and are providing programs for them. This is more than the Sunday school and worship, which long have been provided, but now includes activities, recreation, trips, special study, etc. Churches are finding their whole program strengthened and enriched because they are doing this.

Evangelism. This has been the heart of Southern Baptist work through all their history. In recent years many innovations have been developed, so that many new things are being done in witness in the churches. The WIN (Witness Involvement Now) program has trained thousands to be witnesses, and now a new program, especially adapted for youth, is soon to be introduced. All the

organizations, the Sunday School, Church Training, the WMU, the Brotherhood, are sharing in promotion of witness. New plans of mass evangelism, revivals, etc., are being used. It is no wonder that we find that many churches more people than ever before are being reached for Christ. It is, of course, a never-ending task, but we can rejoice that so much is being done in enlarging its reach.

Music. In no area of modern Baptist church life has there been greater progress in recent years, than in the field of church music. One simply is astounded at the tremendous programs which have been developed in some of the churches. Choirs for all age groups are being used to enlist thousands of persons, young and old, in knowing and singing great music for the glory of God. Still other groups are using modern music, but these, too, are seeking to keep Christ at the center and the glory of God as their purpose.

These are just a few of the emphases being found in Southern Baptist churches. There are many more such as Bible Study Classes, Home Fellowships, Prayer Groups, Retreats, Recreation Programs, and others. All of them add up to growing attendance, enlarged organizations, broader outreach, and a greater influence. They help the churches to become an ever enlarging part of the lives of their families and of their communities.

Not all churches are doing all of these things, nor are all doing them seeing the growth that some are. However, while there may be some dying churches, they are not the ones which we have seen and heard about. They are alive and well, and it is exciting to see what they are doing.

On The MORAL SCENE...

EXPENSIVE WEAPONS — Costs of 47 key weapons have surged \$21 billion over original estimates, Rep. Les Aspin charged recently. The Wisconsin Congressman claimed that Pentagon figures show five airplanes were responsible for half the increase, and that the F 111 fighter project, alone, has a \$4 billion total overrun. The figures were included in a quarterly Defense Department report that Aspin released. The study also showed that the cost of B 1 bomber project soared \$344 million in the July-to-September 1973 period covered by the report, to a total of \$13.7 billion. The Pentagon declined comment. — (Wall Street Journal, 1-14-74)

OLD PEOPLE — MORE AND POORER — In 1950 only 12.1 million persons were over the age of 65; today there are over 20 million. Between 1960 and 1970 the over 75 segment of the population grew by 47.1% as compared with a 12.5% increase for the population below the age of 60. At present those over 65 make up 15% of the eligible voters; within the decade that proportion will increase to 25%. Twenty-five percent of our current population of 210 million is now over the age of 60; by the year 2000, they will represent 33% of the population. The elderly are poor and getting poorer. Four out of every 10 persons over 65 are at or below the poverty line and the proportions are increasing. Only 2 million of the 7 million elderly who are impoverished are on public assistance. In spite of Medicare, the 1973 out-of-pocket expenses for health care paid by older persons are higher than when Medicare began. Medicare provides less than 50% of all health care costs for the elderly. Thirty-four percent of the older person's budget is spent on rent. Twenty-seven percent of the older person's budget is spent on food. — (JSAC Grapevine, November 1973)

RAPISTS, VICTIMS - NEIGHBORS — Eighty-five percent of rapes are accompanied by physical abuse and occur in neighborhoods where both assailants and victims live. Two officers of the National Organization of Women (NOW), Dr. Jo Helen Rallsback and Mrs. Carol Stubbings, speakers on rape at Fisk University recently, reported these facts. They said the aim of NOW is "to prevent rapes by educating possible victims and their relatives" and "to make efforts to reorient society whose violent and permissive nature and attitudes toward women seem to encourage the use of rape." Dr. Rallsback said "part of the problem of studying rape rests in the fact that a high percentage of rapes go unreported for various reasons." She explained that the purpose of Rape Prevention and Crisis Centers is to aid rape victims, to report rapes and information on rapes.

(The Tennessean, January 10, 1974)

ELDERLY, HOUSEHOLD HEADS — One in every four households counted in the 1970 census was headed by a senior citizen — a person 60 years old or older, the Census Bureau noted in a new report. The bureau said that 27.5% of the nation's 63.4 million occupied housing units were in the category. Of the 17.5 million senior citizen units, 12 million were owner-occupied, and 5.5 million were rented. The median annual income of senior citizen households was \$4,200, exactly half that for all of the nation's households. — (AFL-CIO NEWS, Washington, D.C. 12-1-73)



Rock of Ages

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Churches Need More Full-Time Counselors

Dear Sir:

Many pastors need more help! Evidence of this is the overworked pastor. Pastors who overwork find the ministry frustrating. They cannot be church administrator, pastor, counselor, visit the sick, minister to the dying, conduct funerals and weddings and be civic-minded all at once.

The need for pastor assistance is seen in the growing number of members with emotional problems. Many of our problems in churches stem from hang-ups. Hang-ups may not be religious, but emotional. I am not suggesting our people are psychotic. I do believe we have emotional problems that keep us from being our best. To meet this growing need, let me suggest the following:

Let's encourage men to enter the field of counseling and hire them to assist the pastors. Some churches already have counselors. Obviously, all churches cannot afford them.

Where churches cannot hire counselors, let me suggest two or three churches going together. Too, I believe this could work on an associational level. Furthermore, two or three associations may join in meeting this need.

I firmly believe the results would justify our efforts. Many church members would not go to a psychiatrist, if they had the money. But they will go to a pastor-counselor. A trained counselor could assist pastors in forming growth groups, crisis groups, supportive groups, marriage enrichment groups, groups for single parents, caring teams and even pastor teams. Do you see, as I do, great strength in such efforts?

Ralph H. Scott
276 Oak Avenue
Harahan, Louisiana 70123

Home Mission Board Appreciates Gifts From Mississippi

Dear Dr. Odle:

Your prayerful and financial support has provided us another record year. Because of the sacrificial gifts of Baptist people in Mississippi, we have been able to cross barriers with the Gospel.

We rejoice to note that your gifts through the Cooperative Program to the Home Mission Board last year were \$267,835.46. This money continues to be the foundation of our mission strategy.

Everyone is excited about our record Annie Armstrong Easter Offering last year. It was a 12.2% increase, and your state provided \$375,833.67 of the total \$6,884,357.61. All of this comes at a critical time for our nation. We join you and the people of your state in praying that God's people will respond to America's needs.

Your leadership is strategic. We greatly appreciate your help in the past. We depend upon it in the future.

Cordially and appreciatively yours,
Arthur B. Rutledge
Home Mission Board, SBC
1350 Spring Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30309

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Other SBC agencies have written similar letters thanking Mississippi Baptists for mission support.)

Praises Editorial; Says Need Is For Spiritual Energy

Dear Sir:

Praises and thanks for the Record editorial!

Your editorial to "Pray for your leaders, the President, and those who have the rule over you" was a good one and timely.

Our great need now is spiritual energy. Although we do need energy to light our streets, run our factories, and warm our homes, we need spiritual energy to light up



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Don't you like getting a real bargain?

A store in our area has a little blue light at the top of a pole which has wheels on it. They use this for the purpose of running "blue light specials." It's a very simple procedure. One employee rolls this light around to a certain department, while another employee voices through the speakers, "Shoppers, the blue light is now flashing in the jewelry department. For the next five minutes you may take advantage of our low blue special price in pendant watches."

If you're interested, you hurry over to the blue light. You find merchandise that has been in the store all the time — not something brought in and marked up and then down as a gimmick or come-on sale item. You choose to buy, a clerk puts a sale price tag by the regular price tag, and you carry your bona fide bargain to the checkout counter. When the five minutes have ended, the voice on the speaker lets you know, and the price of the sale item goes back to its regular price. As I drive home from such a purchase, I have a good feeling about the store.

It occurred to me the other day that we Christians ought to be seeing blue lights flashing all the time. Our lives are filled with blue light specials — good things that have been there all the time, somewhere in the layers of our lives, but we need to let them come to our attention so we can take advantage of them and enjoy them in a special way for a few minutes — or longer, if we have time.

A blue light special in my life that comes to mind is the sound of the shower running in the morning. For years I have heard the sound of the water splashing and splattering over each of the boys so that I can usually figure out which boy is showering even if I don't know. What's special about the sound of a boy showering? Cleanliness and at-home-ness, for starters.

And when a student says, "You know all that junk about root words and prefixes and suffixes that I hated so when you made us learn them my junior year?"

"Well, I'm glad you did. They surely have helped in my senior year."

Look around. There are blue lights flashing all around. Stand under one of yours and have a better day than it already is.

our souls, strength our minds and bodies and warm them for God's service.

America needs prayer; faith and courage to cure the energy crisis; the blood of Jesus; and people on their knees praying for revival.

W. C. Elmore
St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Families used to be considered shiftless if they lived from payday to payday. Now they wish they could." — Fred W. Grower, The Bergen (N.J.) Citizen.

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The Making Of A Minister

By Doran McCarty, director
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When a man raises a garden, he looks out one day and sees the green shoots coming up through the ground and he says "Ah! God has worked His wonders again. There is the life of a plant growing out of the ground." Of course we all know that the gardener prepared the ground, enriched the soil, planted the seed, watered and weeded it waiting for "God to work His wonder."

Whenever a young man surrenders to the call of the ministry, we also are likely to say "Ah! God is at work again." However we cannot help but wonder if, as in the case of the gardener, there is not some preparation that went on before the dramatic moment of the call to preach just as there was preparation before the wonder God wrought when the green shoot came through the ground. At least this has been something that I have wondered about for a long time. Only recently have I gotten some first hand insight into the subject. A candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree at Midwestern Seminary is required to write a life history which includes his understanding and philosophy of ministry. Several very strong impressions have come to me reading the life histories of the Doctor of Ministry candidates. I think there are some things very worthwhile, interesting and edifying to be found in these life histories from which all of us could profit.

Certainly there are many differences among the men who are called to the ministry. However, there are also many common areas which have appeared so often among the ministers' life histories that they must be looked upon as being significant. Without a doubt there are many conscious influences upon the young minister especially after he reached the college level of training. The influence of a denominational college or religious groups on the college campus, without a doubt, are important at that level. However, the influences which have caught my attention are those influences which happened at a level prior to college experience. These experiences came during the tender years of childhood through adolescence.

Adolescent Christian Experiences

The initial Christian commitment is most common during the early adolescent years. Surprisingly enough there is hardly a man whose life history I have read of the Doctor of Ministry candidates who was converted during his adult years. The most common age for the Christian conversion of these men was nine years of age. There were a few who pointed their initial Christian experience at ten or eleven years of age but very seldom did one claim an initial Christian experience prior to nine years of age. They often described that conversion experience as a quite traumatic experience in which they found a load lifted and a peace within themselves.

While it was not universal, it was the common experience that there was a period of lapse or indifference or insensitivity to Christian commitment in the early high school years. This was more intense with some than with others. While with some it was simply a cooling off of religious and spiritual order with others it also carried with it behavioral problems.

Most of these ministers underwent a kind of spiritual renewal during their high school career. With some it was rather quiet but many of them had quite a shaking experience with this spiritual renewal.

It was described by them in various ways such as rededication, becoming interested in Christian service, developing a devoutness of prayer and devotion for climbing the ladder of holiness. It is interesting how many of these men did find a kind of spiritual renewal during their middle adolescence or late adolescence.

The Pastoral Image

Most of the Doctor of Ministry candidates had a strong pastoral image sometime during their grade school or high school years. Some of these men who served as pastoral images were pulpits or denominational leaders. However, there are several who confessed that the man who served as their pastoral image couldn't "preach a lick in the road." However, usually the man who served as the pastoral image took a personal interest in the growing youngster and often even suggested that the Lord might be calling him to the ministry.

Paraphrasing, it has been my observation that men who have had a strong pastoral image in their background have had a much stronger sense of being a minister and of the identification as a minister than those who have been without the image. There are even some statistics which show that a significant number of those who drop out of the ministry never had a strong pastoral image while they were growing up. This is probably a responsibility that we as ministers have the influence of which we have not been conscious.

The Influence of Mother

Counselors who have given personality inventories to ministers are aware that ministers usually show up strong on the feminine side of the personality inventory. This does not mean that the ministers are effeminate but that they are characterized by such roles as self-sacrifice for

others which is a common role for women in our society. A friend of mine who is a psychiatrist and a follower of the eminent psychoanalyst, Jung, has remarked to me over and over again about the strong feminine psyche which is in the depth of all of us, even the most masculine. Life histories of the ministers about whom I am speaking have indicated overwhelmingly the unusual strong influences of their mothers. It is not uncommon for the mother to have raised the minister without the presence of the father (or at least, natural father) from childhood. Even when the father was home, because of emotional bent or occupational situation, the mother was usually a strong religious influence on the boy. Often the mother was the one who gave strong religious influence to the young boy but even if she did not give strong religious influence, most often she was still the dominant influence in the family upon the boy.

Religious Music

The ministers often recall that early childhood was enriched by the singing of religious songs or hymns. Usually they were able to identify a particular religious song or hymn which played a great part in their religious history. These seem to be very impor-

tant religious and devotional experiences with them. They were often more conscious of the impact of these hymns upon them emotionally than they were even the Scriptures. Even at a very young age it was often the adult hymns which left a great and lasting impression.

Church Influence

Almost universally there was a strong influence of the church in the ministers' early years. They recalled the strong impact of Sunday School, music, worship and social events. One of the tragic things was that often church splits, troubles and bitterness within the church were very cruel problems with which the young boys had to deal.

Also, interestingly enough, most of the ministers were influenced in their childhood and adolescence by more than one denomination. Sometimes it was that their mother and father were members of different denominations. At other times they attended the church most convenient in their community or the church in their community which offered them warmth. When they would move to another community, they sought the church which had warmth rather than the church of a particular denomination.

Interest in Church Camps

Nearly all of the men had religious experiences connected with church camps, retreats or assemblies. Some of these were local but often the experiences were connected with national assemblies such as Ridgecrest and Glorieta. Sometimes they answered a call to the ministry at an assembly although this would most often be in a local camp. However, in national assemblies they would find a new sense of direction either in terms of rededication or in terms of a specific ministry vocation calling such as missions.

The Making of a Minister

It is not a part of our human business to issue a divine call to men and women to enter ministry. However it is not our call to create the spark of life within the vegetables which grow in our garden even though we feel a responsibility and a stewardship to prepare ground and enrich the soil in any way possible. Even God's gift of life within the plants is thwarted and does not bear fruit where He works His wonder in depleted soil or thorn-infested ground. Just as we have our human task in gardening, we probably have a human task in enriching the experiences of our children and young people so that the soil has been properly cultivated for God to work His wonder in their lives.

Carey Students To Go "Back To Camelot"



PLANNING HOMECOMING AT CAREY are three students involved in plans for the half-time show on Saturday, February 16, when the Homecoming Queen is crowned. Trevor Ebanks, left, a Cayman Islands senior at Carey, designed the set which will carry a Medieval theme. Shown admiring the miniature projected set are Mary Jane Britton, freshman from Paris, Tennessee, who is in charge of costumes, and Tom Hardy, senior from Canton, over-all student Homecoming chairman. "In line with the fact that our athletic teams are called Crusaders, we think a medieval theme for the crown ceremony will be most appropriate," commented Hardy. "Even the Queen and her court will wear costumes reminiscent of Camelot days."



Six William Carey College co-eds have been selected by their fellow students to reign over Homecoming activities scheduled for Saturday, February 16. Helen Driskel was named Queen. She will be crowned during Homecoming basketball festivities. The court from left to right are: seated, Sue Montreuil, senior maid; Miss Driskel; Kathy Fejes, sophomore maid. Back row, from left: Beth Rainer, freshman maid; Diane Dobson, basketball maid; and Myra Ann Howell, junior class maid.

With the students going back to Camelot days and a medieval theme and with the alumni victoriously acclaiming a "Thanks a Million" stance, Homecoming, 1974, at William Carey College promises to be the biggest and best ever experienced on the Hattiesburg campus.

Set for February 15 and 16, Homecoming festivities will begin for returning alumni at 5 p.m. on Friday with a three-hour seminar session in transactional analysis, based on the popular "I'm O.K.; You're O.K." book. The student body joins in at 8:30 Friday evening with a campus-wide showing of the classic movie "Gone With the Wind."

Saturday, February 16, alumni will gather in Green Science Hall for registration at 11 a.m. followed immediately at 11:30 by the annual alumni business session, led by the 1973 alumni president, S. A. Adkins.

Carrying out the "Thanks a Million" theme, large numbers of alumni are expected to participate in the annual alumni banquet at 1 p.m. Emphasis will be placed on the overwhelming success of the 1973 Million Dollar Development Campaign with appropriate appreciation going to the alumni who pledged approximately \$100,000 of the goal.

At 3 p.m. on Homecoming Day, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Noonkester will honor the year's "Outstanding Alumnus" with a coffee in the President's Home, adjacent to the campus. All alumni will be invited to attend.

As always, the highlight of the day will be the annual Homecoming Basketball game in Clinton Gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. The Carey Crusaders will meet the Cullman, Alabama team from St. Bernards.

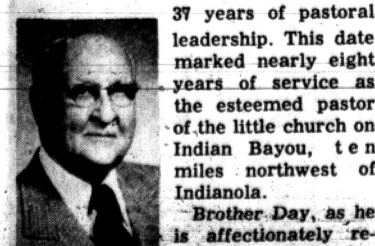
Student Government officials are still making plans for an after-the-game program which will be included in the overall events of the day.

Three separate mail-outs have gone to all of our known alumni," commented Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, director of public relations and alumni affairs for the college. "We hope that those alumni whose current addresses are not known to us will participate in each of the planned Homecoming activities. The 1 p.m. banquet on Saturday will be the only event at which a reservation is mandatory. At \$3.00 per plate we expect a capacity crowd."

The Fairview Years Of W. L. "Bill" Day

By James Denton Watson, Evangelist

Sunday, January 20, was Bill Day's last service with the Fairview Baptist Church. At that time he concluded



37 years of pastoral leadership. This date marked nearly eight years of service as the esteemed pastor of the little church on Indian Bayou, ten miles northwest of Indianapolis. Brother Day, as he is affectionately referred to by the young and old alike, was loved by his church as their pastor. His sincere Christian spirit, his genuine love for people, his disciplined Christian life, his devotion to Christ: these are some of the reasons. And there are other reasons: his prayer and study habits, his prepared sermons preached with purpose, his deep concern to win the lost to Christ.

Bill Day is a layman's best friend and a pastor's preacher. His association with, and contributions to countless hundreds of people are found

among God's best in all walks and vocations. Call the name of a missionary on some distant mission field and more often than not, Bill Day has known them personally. Speak the name of some denominational leader, and more than likely Bill Day has him on his prayer list. Speak of one of God's choice pastors, and chances are Bill Day will speak personally and tenderly of their friendship. His life has touched the lives of many of God's great in his generation; his influence has been felt among many of God's unsung faithful churchmen.

The Fairview Church benefited tremendously from his ministry. He shared with the church his best years, the most rewarding years of his spiritual ministry, and the richest years of his preaching experience. His gentle manner in the pulpit and the excellence with which he delivered God's message evoked listener response. The remark of his preaching was that God was saying something through Bill Day that needed to be heard.

Brother Day always preached with purpose. Every sermon had as its end the salvation of the lost and the edification of the saved. He preached to

people, he cultivated for Christ. Throughout his tenure as pastor, he visited daily for three or four hours. His warm and personable manner usually succeeded in breaking down the defenses of excuse.

The people at Fairview will miss Brother and Mrs. Day. They served the church as a team. Their home was always open. They befriended and loved a community and church that has always looked for pastors who would love them. In the Bill Days they found such a pastor; another in a long line of God's men who have loved and been loved by the Fairview Church. God has been good and the church is grateful.

Brother and Mrs. Day will be living in Louisville as they leave the full time pastorate. In speaking of his plans for the future, Bro. Day said "We're not retiring - we're just entering a new and different field of God's service and we plan to always be actively engaged in His work."

(NOTE: Churches Brother Day has served are, First, Jackson (associate pastor); First, Collins; First, Pascagoula; First, Louisville; Calvary, Tupelo; Beacon Street, Philadelphia; and Fairview, Indiana.)

POWERLINE

A Straight Line to Teens

Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response

FRAUDULENT DISCHARGE PLAGUES CONSCIENCE

This was a heavy load for a 19-year-old to bear, and his decision had enormous possibilities. One of our goals is to prod youth to face up to realities and make right choices.

Last November I was discharged from the army. The problem is, I obtained the discharge fraudulently. Since then the guilt has grown to the point of making life unlivable. I have prepared a letter to be sent to the proper military department but fear prevents me from mailing it. I consulted my father, a retired officer, and he is opposed to that action. I am going to hold off until I receive a reply from Powerline. I know I cannot accept what I've done. Please help.

He need not have added he had an I.Q. of 172, but he did. I could tell it by his beautifully worded and neatly typed letter.

I am going to answer you in a personal way since I have had specific experience with this problem.

I agree that you must take the initiative and rectify the mistake. A lie is a kind of dragon that grows. You serve your conscience and moral integrity well by acting rather than waiting until caught and then reacting. But reconsider your strategy.

A letter to the military is thrown into channels, likely impersonal. But a face to face confrontation may produce quite another attitude. Recently a young woman in Washington filed false documents with a branch of the service. She came to me as counsellor and asked if I would go with her to make confession and seek restitution. In a sense I became a non-legal advocate for her. I was by her side as she told what she had done and why. Her subsequent behavior had demonstrated her trustworthiness and I could vouch for her acting on her own initiative. I conclude that this approach helped in the lenient attitude shown her. She was restored with only modest penalty.

If you can arrange such an intermediary, why not do so? Your pastor might be a good choice. The principle is sound. Recall that this is the way God has made redemption for us. His Son, Jesus Christ, stands by our sides as intercessor, and the Father is willing to forgive us because of the sacrifice of His Son.

POWERLINE is a 30-minute program for teens produced by Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission and carried by 771 stations. Write for a station list, Box 12157, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

Kate Durham Morgan Asks:

Had You Thought About This?

Abraham Lincoln valued education so much that he read by a flickering firelight, lying on the floor, after a hard day's work. Under these circumstances many would not have read. But Lincoln rose above his circumstances. He accepted the challenge.

Abraham Lincoln walked many miles to borrow a book. Yet he never felt that under the circumstances he would just not read. No, Lincoln got out from under his circumstances and got on top. He accepted this as a challenge to his personal ability to overcome the difficulties in his life.

This borrowed book became ruined by snow drifting through, onto his makeshift bed, where logs were too far apart. Abraham was so honest he worked very hard to pay for that ruined book. Many would have said, "I could not help that. It is not my fault. Under the circumstances I will say I'm sorry." Not our Lincoln. He accepted the challenge. The book had been ruined while in his care and he would make it good.

Paper was too precious for use in daily practice of writing so he wrote on wood. How did he erase? By whitening the space clear again. Under the circumstance most people would not have learned to write. Abraham Lincoln accepted the challenge. To him this was not too arduous for the joy of writing well.

From early childhood he read the



The Devil Is A Dummy

Lloyd Corder and Joe the Baptist star in a film, "The Devil and the Baptist Association", produced by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga.

Corder, head of the HMB's Division of Associational Services, takes a light-hearted approach to create an awareness of the Baptist Association and generate participation in it.

Joe the Baptist plays the part of the devil in the film, and ventriloquist Corder, who has manipulated his wooden friend since 1945, plays himself. Filmed on videotape in front of a live studio audience, the 25-minute film will be reproduced on 16mm color film for distribution by the HMB on a share-the-cost basis. (HMB photo by Jerome McLendon.)

Bible diligently and with understanding. His adult literary style showed this plainly. He enjoyed adventure—Robinson Crusoe; the seriousness of life—Pilgrim's Progress; admiration for great leaders—The Life of George Washington.

Abraham Lincoln lost his mother by death when he was nine years of age. Under the circumstances he could have given up to self pity. Instead he and his sister Sarah took over the work of the leanto. Later when an itinerant clergyman came by it was the small boy that requested him to hold a proper service at his mother's grave. Still later Abe accepted the challenge to care for his sister while his father went for their step-mother-to-be. He got on top of his circumstances.

Having no fishing lines or hooks of any kind one would suppose under this circumstance he could not have any fish to eat. Not so with little Abe. He arose above his circumstance and stooping over for hours motionless in the stream with his cupped hands he caught a nice fish which he and Sarah had hoped to eat. He had accepted his new challenge. Under the circumstance they were two small children alone in the forest until father could return with a new mother; they were hungry. But the soldier was hungry and he was fighting for them. The soldier got the fish. Again Lincoln had gotten on top of his circumstance.

Most biographies tell that his father was a lazy or shiftless man. Under the circumstance Lincoln had no one to train him, but he got on top. He stepped out with a determined stride to overcome, and overcome he did. He was born in a tiny hut or "camp" without floor, or window and no door. Yet he did not feel that this destined him to live so always. Nor did he feel that it was the duty of someone to reach down and lift him out of the situation. No, Lincoln saw this as a battle to win for himself and by himself. That is what he set out to do and that is what he did. He moved by various stages from one shelter to another until he had reached the White House in Washington, D. C.

While he was doing this he was conscious of the needs of others. As a lawyer in Springfield, Ill., he was passing down the street and saw a little girl in tears because the dray was not going to get her trunk to the train on time. Under the circumstance—he could have reasoned, "I'm a lawyer; I can't help." No, he got on top and knew a child needed help. Abraham Lincoln, the lawyer, shouldered the trunk and got the child and her trunk to the train on time.

All of his life he was overcoming circumstances for which he was not responsible. He accepted the challenge of them, mounted above them to achieve the Presidency of these United States of America.

February 12 is Lincoln's birth date. This year, 1974, it is Tuesday.

Project—"Work"

26 MC Students Visit The Big City

New York City! Say that word on the Mississippi College campus and the response is terrific!

Subways, ferries, the Statue of Liberty, people — the talk never ceases from the 26 students who recently spent nine days there.

This wasn't just a friendly visit to the big city. In fact, while most college students were home for holidays and semester break catching up on soap operas, sleeping, or working for a salary, this enthusiastic bunch was doing mission work in churches all over the New York City area.

The first big question of the trip, which began Jan. 1 was, "What can you do in a van for three days?" Boredom and a cassette recorder produced two impromptu soap operas in one of the three vans. Students in the other vans found similarly useful activities.

On their arrival in New York on the third day they were greeted by Rev. Al Oliver, pastor of the Richboro Baptist Church on Staten Island. An orientation session followed.

"Our first adventure was braving the ferry and subway in 5 o'clock traffic," said Gail Blanchard, a student from Magnolia, Ark. "It was a good initiation, since we did all our

traveling by ferry, subway and bus while there."

The boys stayed in the Baptist Association building in downtown Manhattan. Their luxurious accommodations included hospital army cots and a 2' x 2' wash tub for bathing.

The girls fared better at the Catholic Retreat Center on Staten Island which resembled a Swiss stone mansion. They just got a little lonesome when almost a foot of snow caused them to be snowbound.

"We felt lucky to get in the first snow New York City had had in two years," said John Reed of Atlanta, Ga.

The group was divided into five talent areas — a singing group, puppeteers, painters, evangelical teams, and Bible Club workers. Everyone pitched in on the first two days to paint the Richboro Church.

Sunday morning the students went to different churches, ministering in their special areas. That night was, for many, the highlight of the journey.

"We went to a French-speaking Haitian church," Donna Dievert of Ashland recalled. "The service was unconventional but the presence of the Holy Spirit was very real. After-

wards they fed us a native dinner and taught us some of their songs. It was the closest to heaven on earth I've ever been."

Monday it was back to the painting for the men, this time at Atonement Baptist Church in Brooklyn. The women, putting their domestic know-how to work, cleaned the kitchen in the Baptist Association Building.

This also started a rugged week for the singers and puppeteers. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday they presented two shows a day at the largest mall in the New York City area.

"The puppet shows opened up chances to talk with people," puppeteer Bill McCann of Fort Worth, Texas, commented. "The little kids loved them, so that gave us an opportunity to talk with their parents."

Performances weren't limited to formal shows only. Impromptu shows and sing-ins on the subways and in parks offered a chance for hamming it up and sharing with fellow passengers. As a result, at least one person accepted Christ on the subway.

Another meaningful experience awaited the performing groups at the Willowbrook Hospital for mentally retarded children, the largest mental hospital in the world.

"After the program the superintendent came to me with tears in her eyes saying, 'thank you, thank you,'" recalled Rev. Bradley Pope, Director of Religious Activities at Mississippi College and sponsor for the mission venture. "She was overwhelmed at the way our students related to the children. Very few people visit them at all, especially not from this far away."

The rest of the week was spent in Bible Clubs, evangelical work, and more performances. Even this heavy schedule couldn't keep them from sightseeing, though.

Mr. Pope and Miss Fran Halford, another sponsor, were treated to the Metropolitan Opera. The whole group saw the Broadway show "Raisin" and attended a theater party afterwards. On Saturday the choice was between seeing "Carmen," attending the American Symphony, or seeing the sights. A few even appeared on the television game shows "Jeopardy" and "What's My Line."

Beneath all the work, fun and cutting up, though, was a more serious thread.

"The purpose for going was to help the churches financially by providing free labor," Rev. Pope said. "In the estimation of the two pastors we worked for we saved them between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in labor expenses by cleaning and painting their churches."

What I Think Of God

By Mark Clay

Oh, the birds, Oh, the trees, Oh, the flowers that smell so sweet, Oh, the bees that make honey, Oh, the kiss that is so sweet Oh, the people you love so much, Oh, the music of God above, Oh, the things that live on the earth that God loves so much.

He sent his son to save the world, and he did it for us. Oh, the love of God above. I know he loves us because he put so many things on this earth. He gave us his church and his word.

God has an angel to watch over you every day during work, play, and everything else. God gave some men intelligence and some not quite so much, but whether you be rich, poor, good or bad, God still loves you.

God gave us night and day. He gave us a day of rest. God also gave us heaven above. God gave us our house that we live in. He gave us oceans and seas. Also, if you love God, he will love you. So, put God in your heart and love everyone.

To my loving mother, Mrs. Janelle Clay, who has been an inspiration to my life. — Written by Mark Clay — age 12, member, First, Meridian.

ches."

"I think it was good for the people there because we uplifted them," said Terry Cutrer of Pascagoula, president of the campus Baptist Student Union. "Southern Baptists are in an extreme minority in New York City, so the presence of people with similar beliefs encouraged them. They were especially impressed that we came all the way from Mississippi to help them."

The students were equally impressed with New Yorkers.

"We were expecting people to be cold and business-like, but they proved friendly," commented Darrell Boggs of Laurel. "They realized we weren't from New York and offered to help us when we looked lost."

"I was impressed with the willingness of our students to get involved with people — in and out of churches," Mr. Pope said. "The trip gave us an insight in relating to Christians who are in the minority."

"Thank you for supporting and letting us represent you," Miss Blanchard said. "Without the money and prayers of the people in this area, the trip wouldn't have been possible."

All-Male Soccer Team Calls Ann, 'Coach'

MURFREESBORO, N. C. (BP) — Coed Ann Alexander looks like a college cheerleader, but an all-male team of international soccer players at Chowan College here call her "Coach."

Ann is Mrs. Clifton Alexander, a sophomore at the Southern Baptist school, who insists her association with soccer isn't an expression of defiance or an act of liberation.

Rather, she admits she became the team's coach as a "last resort" but takes her duties seriously.

She said the idea for a soccer team came up last summer when a group of internationals began playing the sport on the front lawn at the college.

A soccer club was suggested and Mrs. Alexander, assistant head resident of Belk Hall, women's dormitory at Chowan, volunteered to help.

550 European Youths To Attend '74 World Conference In U.S.A.

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP)—Large delegations from other continents are already assured for the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference, meeting in Portland, July 31-August 4, 1974.

Karl-Heinz Walter, chairman of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and presiding officer for the conference, said that 550 young people from Europe are already committed with advance payments for attendance at the world meeting.

Betty Smith, conference coordinator, said registrations are arriving from a wide cross section of North and South America, as well as from overseas. A total attendance of about 8,000 is expected.

Walter said that arrangements are being made for two charter planes, one from North Europe and one from South Europe, to accommodate the European youth.

Other delegations have been assured from Hong Kong, Australia and Brazil, according to conference planners.

It will be the first time the youth conference has met in the United States.



Clarke SGA Officers

Dr. Lowrey Compere, President of Clarke College, has a moment of fellowship with the new officers of Clarke's Student Government Association. Right to left: David Carr, president; Dr. Compere, and Donald Pendergrast, vice-president. Carr is from Newton and Pendergrast is the son of Rev. Edward Pendergrast, pastor at Philipp.



The Richboro Baptist Church in New York City was the prime location for mission activity by a group of MC students during semester break.



Rev. Bradley Pope, Director of Religious Activities at Mississippi College, gives a word of encouragement during a break on work mission in New York.



Because of high ceilings, scaffolding was used by Mississippi College students as they painted the walls of a church in New York City.



Bill McCann of Fort Worth, is shown applying paint white working on mission trip with MC students to New York.



Six Sets Of Twins At Unity Church

There are six sets of twins at Unity Church, Route 2, Picayune, which has a membership of 315. Above, first row: Sandy and Susie Loveless; second row: Ann and Lynn Tucker, Laura and Lorna Jarman, Thomas and Donald Dodd; third row, Brian and Barry Pearson. In small pictures at right: Cherie and Connie Mitchell. Rev. James W. Hickman is the pastor.

SBC Choir Festivals Slated At Glorieta

NASHVILLE — The 1974 SBC Youth Choir Festivals will be held this summer at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M.

ALPHA Festival will be May 31-June 3, and OMEGA Festival June 4-7. Celebrative worship, singing with combined Festival choirs, and the Parade of Choirs will be highlights of the identical events.

Richard E. Myers, pastor of University Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Va., will be the worship leader and Duncan A. Couch, choral director at Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., will be the music director.

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Jesus' Attitude Turns Defeat Into Triumph

John 18:12 to 19:15
By Clifton J. Allen

The remaining lessons in this study of the Gospel of John focus on the crucifixion and resurrection. The theme of victory is central in all three lessons. We miss the truth utterly if we fail to see the sufferings of Christ as the means of his victory over evil and the full achievement of his saving work.

From the beginning of his earthly ministry, Jesus knew the ultimate issue of his life, the cost of his redemptive mission. He faced the cross from the beginning and willingly and resolutely pursued his course knowing that he would be rejected, humiliated and crucified. The lesson before us concentrates on Jesus' trials before the Sanhedrin and before Pilate. In the world's way of thinking, the treatment Jesus received was indicative of ignominious defeat. In reality, his attitude was such that defeat was turned into triumph. His humiliation was a means to his exaltation.

The Lesson Explained
WILLING TO SUFFER SHAME
Jesus' arrest and trial were marked by humiliation at every point. That the Son of God should suffer the indignity of arrest as a common criminal was unbelievable. That one so pure and holy that no one could con-



Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

For You, Will It Be Unbelief Or Faith?

Mark 6:1-6a; 10:46-52
By Bill Duncan

All of the life stories from World War II have related to tales of fright and faith. The stories have said, "There are not many atheists in foxholes." When a man's life is at stake, values and beliefs change.

Recently I read this statement from Louis Cassels of United Press International: "There may not be any atheists in foxholes, but there are some in churches." Mr. Cassels took a survey of Protestants concerning basic tenets of the Christian faith. Here are some of his findings:

"Twenty - nine out of every one



Griffith Memorial Exceeds LM Goal

The Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, has for the sixth consecutive year exceeded its Little Moon Christmas Offering goal. The goal for this year was \$3,000. The total amount given was \$3,776. Mrs. P. A. Whiddon is the director of a very active WMU that promotes the offering and enlists the participation of all the church in helping to reach the goal. The pastor is Rev. Wilson Winstead.

Glendale Expands Youth Ministry

First Church, Glendale now sponsors a youth house for the young people of the church and their guests. The church recently called Tim Rayborn, pictured, as interim youth director.



Under Tim's direction the youth house will be open on Saturdays from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. Plans are underway for a youth banquet, Bible studies, a camping trip, and other youth activities, according to the pastor, Dr. Don H. Stewart.

The new interim youth director is a native of Jayess and a graduate of William Carey College. While at Carey he was one year president of the Ministerial Association and for three years worked as student aide in the Department of Religion and Philosophy. During college he was youth director at Monticello Church.

For the past two years he and his wife, the former Nancy Goff, have worked as missionary journeymen in Guam. There Tim helped to organize a BSU at the University of Guam and also served as pastor during most of the two years. He is now a student at New Orleans Seminary seeking a Master of Divinity degree. Nancy is teaching fifth grade at Mid-City Baptist School.

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hundred Protestants questioned were not sure they believed in God, although seven of the twenty-nine did go as far as to say they thought there was a 'higher power'. On such questions as the deity of Christ, the virgin birth, and the after-life, there was similar uncertainty. Twenty-four out of every one hundred Protestants could only profess belief that Christ's promise of eternal life is 'probably true'.

If this is true, then we cannot be too hard on the people of Jesus' home town who did not believe in him. Much of the religion practiced by modern Americans is on the basis of unbelief. This is the reason that so little ever happens to make a difference in their lives as well. The general climate of unbelief limits the power of God from accomplishing his mighty works. The unbelief of Nazareth is like the unbelief in our churches today in that many have the wrong view of God. J. B. Phillips said, "The trouble with people today is that they have not found a God big enough for modern needs."

When Jesus went to Nazareth and taught in the synagogue, his teaching was greeted with contempt. They knew his background. Why would anyone like him talk like that? Familiarity had bred a mistaken contempt.

Brazilian Baptist Leader Dies

After an illness, Rev. Jose Souza Marques, pictured, died recently at the age of 79 years, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Graduate of Rio Baptist College, and South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, he was the founder of the Souza Marques School, Cascadura.



The pastor of some churches, Mr. Marques was also a teacher, journalist, and member of the Rio de Janeiro Assembly. Some colleges were founded by this great Christian man.

Dr. Jose Souza Marques was a man of faith, liked people, believed in the power of prayer, and was able to assimilate and present new ideas.

Conducted by Rev. Fernando Machado Borges, associate pastor, a memorial service was held in the Engenho Novo (New Mill) Baptist Church that for many years was led by him. The funeral was at Inhauma, January 5.

Survivors include his wife, the former Leopoldina Ribeiro, their seven children, and two sisters.

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vict him of sin should be slapped and spit upon in contempt is unbelievable. But thus Jesus suffered shame. Efforts to substantiate any charge against Jesus failed. Then Jesus was turned over to Pilate with an appeal for a death sentence. Later he would be scourged and then crowned with thorns and arrayed in purple while Pilate's soldiers made mockery of his royalty. Through it all, Jesus was the object of contempt and insult and reviling and cruelty without mercy.

BORN TO BE KING (18:33-38)
In examining Jesus, Pilate asked him if he were the King of the Jews, doubtless reflecting rumors he had heard about Jesus. He was not the King of the Jews after the pattern of Pilate's thinking. He was the King if

that were rightly understood, not only of the Jews but of the whole of mankind. His kingdom, however, is not of this world. The nature of its authority is different. The source of its authority is different. Its principles and standards of righteousness are different. It is not earthly in nature but heavenly in nature. The kingdom of Christ is the kingdom of God. The subjects of that kingdom are those who acknowledge Christ as their Lord and who have been born into his

reaction to Jesus, a reaction of love, an instinctive feeling that here is the one person who can meet our need. This is what creates the atmosphere where Jesus can work his miracles.

In our darkness - even as Bartimaeus - we want some ray of light; some glimmer of hope. We have heard that Jesus is God come in human form, to be what we are that we might become what he is. The attitude that brings the possibility of help is "Jesus... have mercy on me!"

Faith makes the difference. At the call of Jesus, Bartimaeus made haste to Jesus. When the need was announced, Jesus at once said, "Go your way" like a doctor dismissing his patient. "Your faith has made you well." The verb of the sentence is the word for "save." His faith had been the response needed for him to be saved.

Bartimaeus was grateful for his healing. Having received his sight he followed Jesus. He did not selfishly go his way when his need was met. He began with need, went on to gratitude, and finished with loyalty. This is a perfect summary of the stages of discipleship. This new disciple wanted to know more about Jesus so he became a learner. True faith will cause a man to do this.

William Adams Brown said, "Christian faith is not believing a little in a lot of things but believing with all your heart in a few great things."

The exercise of our faith in Jesus Christ can cause our lives to become exciting in so far as we lay hold on the explosive, energizing miracle-working power of faith.

The reaction of Jesus was that He marveled at their unbelief. Though Jesus may defy man's reason, he deserves man's faith. Jesus possessed divine knowledge and true insight into men's hearts; yet he still "marveled" in the face of unbelief. We are the real losers when we fail to have faith we should.

There was quite a contrast in the reaction of the people of Nazareth and that of blind Bartimaeus.

At the northern gate of Jericho, Bartimaeus sat blind which caused him to be a beggar. When he realized that Jesus was passing his way, he set off an uproar to attract Jesus' attention. Nothing could stop his clamor to come face to face with Jesus.

His was a desperate desire that gets things done. His desire was sight and Bartimaeus had faith to believe that Jesus could meet his need.

The means of the miracle was faith. Bartimaeus did not fully understand Jesus. He addressed Jesus as "Son of David." Now that was a Messianic title, but it was the thought of a conquering Messiah that would restore national greatness. Jesus does not demand that we fully understand him. We can never fully understand him. The demand is for faith.

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kingdom by the regeneration of the Spirit. Jesus was on trial before the governor. But the royalty of his kingdom and the majesty of his lordship lifted him above Roman authority, above the situation of an earthly trial to the level of fulfilling the purpose of God for all the world.

FEARLESS IN THE FACE OF DEATH (19:7-11)

Pilate sought repeatedly to release Jesus, declaring to the Jews that he found no fault in him. But they cried out all the more for his crucifixion. When Pilate proposed that they crucify him because he could find no fault in Jesus, the leaders of the Sanhedrin charged Jesus with blasphemy on the ground that he made himself the Son of God. No wonder Pilate was gripped by greater fear. He wanted to know where Jesus came from but received only silence for an answer. When he threatened Jesus with a claim of power to release him or to crucify him, Jesus again declared Pilate's utter impotence apart from power given to him from above. Jesus was on trial, but in a much more significant way Pilate was on trial before Jesus. Jesus had no reason to be afraid of any charge being confirmed against him; he was sinless before God and man. He could endure

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Devotional

The Foolish Gift

John 6:9a

By Ken Pickens, Tupelo

The passage records the miracle of Jesus in feeding the multitude with the gift of five loaves and two fish.

Children are impractical and overgenerous. They do not see things from a mature perspective and therefore offer a simple solution to a complex problem. Perhaps it is this attitude that Jesus wanted us to adopt as a way of life when he told us to become as little children. When we read the Biblical account, we inwardly smile and accept the fact that this is a child's simple solution to this problem. But when we read that Andrew, a grown man, actually takes this small gift to Jesus, we wonder if his reason has departed. There has been a discussion of the cost of feeding the crowd and it is evident that the common purse of Jesus and his disciples did not contain sufficient resources to meet the need of the moment.

Other alternatives had been discussed but the problem is still present. Perhaps it is an act of desperation which causes Andrew to act. Since Jesus will not send the people away, Andrew will show him the small amount of food available and this will cause Jesus to act in a more practical manner.

But the character of Andrew causes one to accept another alternative. His faith is that of a little child, so what a child offers in faith is received in like manner by Andrew and used by Jesus to teach a wonderful lesson. The monetary value or the size of the gift in proportion to the problem is not nearly as important as the unselfish act of the giver.

The value of the gift or of one's life is determined by how completely it is yielded to God. The five loaves and the two fish represented a mother's love and foresight for the physical needs of her son; and when it is given to Jesus, it provides for five thousand of his children.

What do you have to give that would compare to the gift of this lad and which could be used of God to achieve great results?



Memorial Plaque Given To First, Indianola

Mrs. Lane T. Chandler, of Indianola, (left) and her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Stewart, Terrell, Sidney, Jr., and Sheila Lane, of Florence, Alabama, stand beside the bronze plaque presented recently to First Church, Indianola in memory of Lane Terrell Chandler. The plaque contains a brief history of the church and a roster of the pastors who served there from 1871 through 1971. The presentation was made on behalf of the family by Odell Godwin and accepted for the church by Posey Brown, vice chairman of deacons. Rev. Dan Morton is pastor. — (From the Enterprise-Tribune, Indianola)

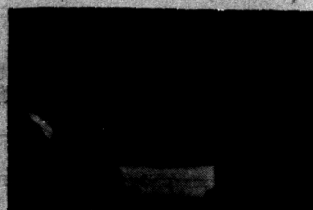
Names In The News

The Music Department of Mississippi College presented Mrs. Linda Carley Johnson in her senior voice recital on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 3 p.m. in the Auditorium. Mrs. Johnson attended Holmes Junior College, Goodman, where she received her Associate of Arts degree in voice. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Carley of Yazoo City.

Mr. and Mrs. Zach J. Deal, Jr., missionaries to Colombia, and their daughter Becky, a college student home from the States for the Christmas holidays, escaped serious injury after being involved in a serious automobile accident as they returned to their home following a late night service at their mission in Medellin. A drunken driver, failing to stop at an intersection, plowed into the Jeep Comandore in which they were riding, causing it to flip several times before landing against a concrete telephone pole. Four other persons were also in the car at the time of the accident.

First Church, Biloxi honored Rev. and Mrs. Mose Dangerfield on Sunday, Jan. 20. The occasion was their third anniversary as minister of education. The Dangerfields moved to Biloxi from First Church, Clinton, in January, 1971. Special tribute was paid by the chairman of the Personnel Committee, Don King, during the 11 o'clock worship period. An orchid and boutonniere were presented to the Dangerfields during this service. A reception was held at the close of the day when hundreds of individuals shared their personal commendation and expressed their love for this family. Rev. Frank W. Gunn is pastor.

Rev. Paul Jordan has been called to the pastorate of Good Hope Church, Leake County. Mr. Jordan was recently ordained to the full gospel ministry by his home church, Mount Zion, Leake County. Rev. Paul McDonald, pastor. Mrs. Jordan is the former Dorothy Mosley of the Mount Zion community.



David Smith, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Smith of Ellisville, and a senior at South Jones High School, was licensed to the gospel ministry by First Church, Ellisville, January 27. The church also presented him with a Wycliff Bible Commentary. The pastor, Rev. W. C. Burns, left, states "David is a dedicated young man and is already proving to be a great leader of youth. He has participated in several youth retreats, youth revivals and has filled the pulpit in his own church several times. He plans to enter Mississippi College next fall." Pastor Burns commends him highly as Bible study leader and speaker for youth retreats, etc. Also available for supply preaching, he can be contacted at 477-8572 or 477-3256.

Mrs. Wayne Carter has been elected as church secretary of First Church, Pontotoc. She succeeds Mrs. Claude Hardin, Jr. who served there as church secretary for 13 years and who has resigned to accept a position with Appalachian Regional Development. Dr. W. Levon Moore is pastor.

Rev. William Jenkins, pastor of Sugar Grove Church, Utica, Kentucky, and a senior at Southern Seminary, is one of 5,000 clergymen, professional business and civic leaders to appear in the 1974 Who's Who in Kentucky. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jenkins of Yazoo City, he graduated from Delta State College and was formerly pastor of Southside, Benoit. He is married to the former Jo Reeves, also of Yazoo City.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Sims, missionaries to Ghana, have completed orientation and may be addressed at P.O. Box 400, Accra, Ghana. She is the former Sherry McCraw of Jackson, Ms.

Dr. Paul Ohme, associate professor of mathematics and coordinator of academic computing at Mississippi College, will be attending two National Science Foundation Chautauqua-type Short Courses at universities in Louisiana and Texas during February. February 17-19 he will be at Louisiana State University for a short course on Mathematical Modeling and Computing in the Physical, Biological and Social Sciences. February 24-26 will find him at the University of Texas for a session on Behavior Genetic Analysis.

New Zion Church, Simpson County, is making it possible for their pastor, Rev. R. G. (Bob) Stewart, and his wife to visit the Holy Land. The Stewarts will be leaving February 12 with Dr. Clark Hensley's tour of ten days.

Binford Truett Nash, Rankin County native, was ordained as a Baptist lay minister recently, in a service at College Hill Heights Church at Oxford. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Nash, and two brothers, Harold and Ray, were among those attending the ordination service.



Dr. Fuller B. Saunders, right, of Houston, Mississippi joined 20 other state alumni presidents in Louisville, Ky. December 20 to set future goals, review past accomplishments and to adopt a \$75,000 goal for the 1974 Southern Seminary Alumni Fund. Last year Mississippi alumni contributed \$1,746 to the fund, to raise a total of \$59,812.58 for 1973. The 53 Mississippi students currently studying at the seminary were preceded by 238 students from Mississippi. Dr. James L. Pleits, left, pastor of First Church, Pensacola, Florida is the national alumni president.



Dow Ford, new member of Clarke College faculty, will begin his work with the 1974 spring semester. He will teach English classes and serve as faculty advisor to the staff responsible for the publication of the year book, Traces 74. The new instructor goes to his position with the Baptist junior college from experience in teaching English at McCluer High School in Jackson. Above, Mr. Ford (left) and Mrs. Hillman Williams director of English lab, discuss plans for the spring semester at Clarke.

Mrs. Mona Stewart has an article, "Open Letter to a Teen-age Son," published in the January Home Life magazine. She is the wife of Dr. Don H. Stewart, pastor of First Church, Glendale and Chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at William Carey College. In recent years she has been listed in Outstanding Young Women of America and the National Register of Prominent Americans, Inc. In addition to the teen-age son they have two daughters.



Rev. R. R. Gordon, right, pastor of Clear Springs Church, Smith County, presented William Franklin Spurlin, left, with license to preach on a recent Sunday at Clear Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Spurlin and daughter, Frankie, reside at Route 1, Loun.

First, Cleveland Develops Pastoral Internship Plan

One year before the plan became a reality, First Church, Cleveland began to research the possibility of a pastoral internship for a student upon completion of his theological requirements. Within the year the research was completed and the person was located. Charles Bell, a native of Waco, Texas and a graduate of Louisiana College and Southwestern Seminary, was invited to serve a two to three year internship.

The intern was invited to join the staff to learn by participation and observation. Each quarter he will be assigned specific pastoral tasks, such as administration (office management, janitorial supervision, and committee assignments), pastoral counseling, pastoral visitation and evangelism, community involvement (speaking assignments, participation in civic organizations, etc.) church music, and religious education.

Pastor Macklyn Hubbard states, "At the conclusion of the internship the church has committed herself to assist the intern in securing a place of pastoral service. Of course, this assistance will be within the context of God's will and the Holy Spirit's leadership."

Pastoral Ministries Workshop Slated

NASHVILLE — A seminar focusing on the pastor who is the only staff member of his church will be held March 11-15, in the Church Program Training Center at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Conducted by the church ministries section of the church administration department, the "Pastoral Ministries Workshop" will deal with the pastor's work in leadership, preaching and pastoral care.

Other areas of study will include planning and conducting congregational worship services, working with church groups, church growth and working with deacons.

A \$20 registration fee should be sent to the Church Program Training Center, Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave. N.E., Nashville, Tenn., 37234.

McAdams Church Honor Deacons

January 20, was Deacon Appreciation Day at McAdams Church, Attala County. Pastor Joe Anderson presented certificates of appreciation to each deacon. Earl Mitchell, left, chairman of deacons, presented special plaques to two senior deacons, Joe Bunch, center, and G. W. Hester, right. A plaque, in memory of J. E. Steed, a deacon for many years, was presented to Mrs. J. E. Steed.

Oakland To Show World Wide Film

ISN'T IT GOOD TO KNOW, a new film that abandons traditional story lines to involve the viewer in the life experiences of real people, will be shown on Sunday, February 10, at Oakland Church, Oakland. The latest film from World Wide Pictures, producers of TIME TO RUN, will be shown beginning at 7:30 p.m.

ISN'T IT GOOD TO KNOW was edited and directed by J. Michael Hooser, a young 26-year-old film maker who brings provocative new techniques to his first major film. Using a varying number of images on the same screen, Hooser creates a multi-media effect that draws the viewer into the picture. Included are scenes from the Dino De Laurentiis production of "Barabbas" through the courtesy of Columbia Pictures.

ISN'T IT GOOD TO KNOW is currently being shown in thousands of locations across the country each month. Rev. B. C. Sellers, pastor of the Oakland Church, invites all families in the area to attend.

Locust Street To Show Film Also

ISN'T IT GOOD TO KNOW, a new film that abandons traditional story lines to involve the viewer in the life experiences of real people, will be shown on Sunday, February 24, at Locust Street Church, McComb. The latest film from World Wide Pictures, producers of TIME TO RUN, will be shown once beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Baptist College Gets \$1 Million U. S. Grant

CHARLESTON, S. C. (BP) — Baptist College at Charleston has received institutional development grant of \$1,200,000 from the federal government. It will be made available over a period of the next four years.

Development grants have been given to many private and church-related colleges, including Baptist colleges. This is the first of this size made to the Baptist College at Charleston, a Southern Baptist school.

The grant will enable Baptist College to advance five to ten years ahead of anticipated schedule in its development program, providing better educational opportunity for its students, according to a statement issued by the college.

Funds will be used primarily for library materials and for a strengthened teaching program. The library will be increased to 100,000 volumes.

New Hope, Vardaman Calls Terry Zook

New Hope Church, Vardaman, announces the arrival of their new pastor, Rev. Terry L. Zook, and his wife Karen and their 10-month-old son, Andrew.

Pastor Terry is originally from Phoenix, Arizona. In 1969, he was ordained at his first pastorate, the San Carlos Apache Baptist Church. He pastored this church while a student at Grand Canyon College, a Southern Baptist college in Phoenix, Arizona. There he also was active in Baptist Student Union, serving two years as their state president. While still a student at Grand Canyon, he accepted the call to First Church, Mayer, Arizona.

His first full-time pastorate was Valley Church, Sanders, Arizona. There he was working on the Navajo Indian Reservation, active in associational work, serving as their associational evangelism director.

In the summer of 1972, with a desire to finish his education, Pastor Terry and his family moved to Arkadelphia, Arkansas to attend Ouachita Baptist University. While there, he pastored the Caddo Valley Church in Arkadelphia.

Finishing his college work this past December, he accepted the call to New Hope Church.

Southaven Pastor Moves To Alabama

Rev. Don R. Cooper has been called as pastor of Calvary Church, Scottsboro, Alabama.

For the past 5 years and 3 months he has been serving First Church, Southaven, as pastor. A native Mississippian, he is the son of the late Rev. Lynton B. Cooper who pastored several churches in Mississippi. He is a graduate of Murray High School, Mississippi College, and SWBTS.

While he was at Southaven, 182 were added to the church by baptism and 261 by letter. The Sunday School average grew from 168 in 1968 to 223 in 1973. The budget increased from \$33,924 to \$97,764 for this year. The Cooperative Program percentage grew from 1% to 10%. Among other improvements were the remodeling of the sanctuary, the purchase of a church bus, and the addition of a full-time minister of music and youth.

Mr. Cooper is the newly elected moderator of DeSoto Association, having already served as vice-moderator, stewardship chairman, and music director. He has contributed articles to Church Training magazine and to Wallis' 1972 Ministers' Annual. He wrote the devotionals for the Baptist Record one month.

He is married to the former Joy Mize of Louisville. They have 3 children: Lea Ann 13, Donnie 11, and Christi 6.

Salem (Lauderdale) Goes Far Over LM Goal

Salem Church of Lauderdale Association went over their goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. They gave \$227 which was \$257 above the \$970 goal they had set, with an average attendance of 70 in Sunday School.

Rev. Jerry R. McMullen, pastor, exclaims, "God uses the small and the large. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"



New Zion (Simpson) Surpasses Goal

New Zion Church, Simpson County, near Braxton, went over their goal of \$125 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, giving a total of \$129.75. Each of the 27 letters of LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING (as pictured above) represented \$4.63. New Zion has an active WMU and Brotherhood. "This is one of the reasons our church is moving forward; we are mission-minded," says Rev. R. G. (Bob) Stewart, pastor.



Former Pastor Presents \$1,000 To Building Fund

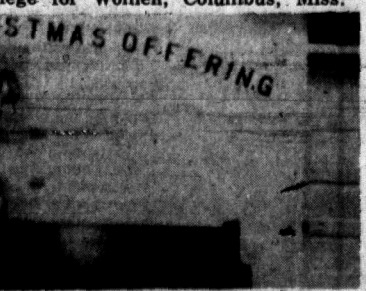
Rev. E. C. Farr, left, is shown presenting his check for \$1,000 to Rev. Kenneth R. Overby, pastor of West Side Church, Macon. Mr. Farr presented this to the church building fund when the church reached the first \$5,000 toward the goal of a new sanctuary. Mr. Farr said he wanted to see his money go for a worthy cause of furthering the work of the Lord while he was living. A retired preacher, he is also a member now at West Side. He was also former pastor of the church for 12 years.

William Jewell Names First Woman Trustee

LIBERTY, Mo. (BP)—For the first time in the 125-year history of William Jewell College here, a woman is serving as a member of its board of trustees.

Mrs. Lavonne R. Rukin, president of the Industrial Furnigant Company, Kansas City, has been elected to a term to expire in 1976 on the board of the Southern Baptist school.

A native of Norfield, Miss., she is a graduate of Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Miss.



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Off The Record

A newly elected Congressman finally consented to putting his wife's brother on his staff payroll.

"Now just what will my position be?" asked the brother - in-law. "Important, I hope."

"Yes, it is important," the Congressman answered. "I'm giving you a public relations job - but don't make it public that you and I are relations!"

Dave was telling at length about a trick he'd learned in studying jujitsu: "So I grabbed his wrist like this - then I grabbed his arm like this - then I twisted it like this - and before he knew what hit him I was flat on my back!"

Two elderly women were trying to outdo each other in discussing their ailments and medications. Finally one announced with ghoulish glee, "I'm taking a pill that has nothing but side effects."

"I'm worried about my complexion, doctor. Just look at my poor face."

"My dear girl, you'll have to diet." "Oh, I never thought of that! What color do you think would suit me best?"

"Say, that was quite a storm last night. The hail was as big as quarters." "That's nothing," scoffed the man from South Dakota. "I've seen hailstones that varied in size from a dollar to a dollar and a half."

"What is your name, sir?" the bank clerk asked politely.

"Don't you see my signature?" snapped the indignant customer.

"Yes, sir, that's what aroused my curiosity."

Said the weather man on the phone: "Yes, ma'am, my corns hurt, too, but like I said, it'll be fair and warmer."

Sign in a secondhand store: This violin is yours for \$25. No strings attached.

At an employment office, a young man was having considerable difficulty filling out the complicated, multi-page job application. He hunched over the paper and struggled through question after question, seemingly unsure of his answers. Suddenly he leaned back and smiled. "To the query, 'What machines can you operate?' he confidently wrote: 'Slot and pinball.' True